

## SENATE BILL No. 212

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 33-23-3; IC 33-24-3-7.

**Synopsis:** Tax court and senior judges. Allows a senior judge to be appointed to serve the tax court. (The introduced version of this bill was prepared by the commission on courts.)

**Effective:** July 1, 2005.

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January 4, 2005, read first time and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

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Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning courts and court officers.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 33-23-3-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 1. (a) A circuit court,  
3 a superior court, a county court, a probate court, **the tax court**, or the  
4 court of appeals may apply to the supreme court for the appointment of  
5 a senior judge to serve the court.  
6 (b) The application submitted under this section must include the  
7 following:  
8 (1) Reasons for the request.  
9 (2) Estimated duration of the need for a senior judge.  
10 SECTION 2. IC 33-23-3-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
11 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 2. Upon approving the  
12 request by a circuit court, a superior court, a county court, a probate  
13 court, **the tax court**, or the court of appeals for a senior judge, the  
14 supreme court may appoint a senior judge to serve that court for the  
15 duration specified in the application submitted under section 1 of this  
16 chapter.  
17 SECTION 3. IC 33-23-3-4 IS AMENDED TO READ AS



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FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 4. The supreme court may not require a senior judge to accept an assignment to serve a circuit court, a superior court, a county court, a probate court, **the tax court**, or the court of appeals. If a senior judge declines an assignment to serve, the supreme court may offer the senior judge subsequent assignments to serve a circuit court, a superior court, a county court, a probate court, **the tax court**, or the court of appeals.

SECTION 4. IC 33-24-3-7 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2005]: Sec. 7. (a) The supreme court may appoint a judge who is certified as a senior judge by the judicial nominating commission to serve a circuit court, ~~or~~ a superior court, **a county court, a probate court, the tax court, or the court of appeals** if the court requests the services of a senior judge.

(b) The supreme court may adopt rules concerning:

(1) certification by the judicial nominating commission; and

(2) appointment by the supreme court;  
of senior judges.

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